(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). No, Sir. Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as Joint Ventures with reputed hotel chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels each are proposed to be developed in this manner.

(d) to (f). Government is aware about the concern of Unions of ITDC to safeguard the interest of workers. Every possible effort will be made in this regard in any arrangement that is finalised.

Upper Indravati Irrigation Project

5260. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to review the existing technical arrangement of Upper Indravati Irrigation Project with a foreign company; and

(b) if so, the reactions of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Post offices with Speed Post Facility

5261. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices in the country in which Speed Post facility is available;

(b) the number of days for which an employees is posted at the speed post counter;

(c) the amount paid as incentive money to the employees posted at speed post counters during the last two years; and

(d) the objectives of providing additional amount as incentive to the salaried staff?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU). (a) The Speed Post facility is available in 476 post offices in the country

(b) Normally an employee is posted for the period of 2 years at the Speed Post Counter.

(c) The amount of Rs. 51,00,869.40 has been paid to the employees posted at Speed Post Counters during the last two years.

(d) The objectives are to ensure booking of Speed Post articles above the threshold Level at the Speed Post Counters where separate staff has been sanctioned and at other counters where separate staff has not been sanctioned the incentive is paid for work done by employees in additions to their normal duties.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Relay Centre in Rajmahal Region in Bihar

5262. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a 10 KW Relay Centre in Rajmahal

region in Santhal Pargana to cover the Jharkhand regions of Bihar under Doordarshan networks; and

(b) if so, the time by which the same will start functioning and the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) There is no proposal at present to establish a 10 KW TV transmitter in Rajmahal region of Bihar

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Assistance to Food Processing Industries in Gujrat

5263. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Food Processing Industries functioning in Gujarat and the details of assistance given by the Union Government during the last two years,

(b) whether any proposal to set up food processing industry in Gujarat is pending with the Union Government for approval ; and

(c) if so, the details and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) While information with regard to all food processing industries functioning in Gujarat is not maintained centrally, as per the information available with this Ministry there are 171 fruit and vegetable processing units and 52 sweet aerated water units licensed under the FPO, 28 fish processing units, 3161 rice mills and 17 roller flour mills. As regards assistance provided under the Plan Schemes frormulated by this ministry, Rs 1 lakh was provided to the Gujarat Agro Industries corporation, Ahmedabad for the setting up of 7 Agro Parlours to market GAIC's products in Gujarat and Rs. 6 lakhs was provided to the GAIC in the form of equity for setting up/ enhancement of storage facilities at fruit processing units located at Gandavi and Junagarh.

(b) and (c) A proposal from the Gujarat Agro Industnes Corporation, Ahmedabad, through State Government for equity participation for aseptic bulk packaging of fruit pulp was received without certain details. The Corporation has been requested to clarity and furnish the details.

Resentment over Telugu Ganga Project

5264. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have put fourth certain conditions for the clearance of Telugu Ganga Project;

(b) whether the Government of Andhara Pradesh has resented to some of the suggestions made to them; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The state Government of Andhara Pradesh is required to resolve the inter-State issued with the other Krishna basin States namely Karnataka and Maharashtra.

(b) and (c). While the Andhra Pradesh Government contends theat Telugu Ganga Project is in confirmity with the Krishna Wa-